

## Levi Jones to Andrew Jackson, April 4, 1831, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### LEVI JONES TO JACKSON.

Nottoway, Va. , April 4, 1831.

*My dear Sir*, I had the honor to receive by the last mail your esteemed favour of the 28th Ult I have not been able to purchase to my satisfaction the two boys and Negroe girls for your son in time to send out with the Negroes I purchased for the estate of Genl. Chamberlayn [?] Jones. The Negroes of Irby's estate sold at enormous prices, 36 sold for \$10,114 00/100 and were mostly the inferior Negroes belonging to the estate. The sale was well attended by speculators, who were anxious to make out their droves for the South and were willing to give high prices. They have supplied themselves and are gone, in consequence of which Negroes (as I expected) have fallen, and as I did not meet with suitable negroes for Majr. Donelson and your son in time to send out with the estate of Genl. Jones's Negroes, I have concluded to purchase them one at a time at my leisure as favourable opportunities offers. When I purchase them I will send them by the Steam boat to Washington unless a favourable opportunity offers to send them direct to Nashville which frequently occurs.

If your son contemplates visiting Tennessee this Spring or summer, it will afford me great pleasure to see him at my house. And if I do not purchase his Negroes before his arrival he can stay with me until we can procure such as will suit him. I shall in the mean time avail myself of every opportunity to purchase them and Majr. Donelsons also. . . .